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PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S AGE. There is every now and then a dis-pute as to the use of McKleiey be-cause the date of his birth in the conpressional directory varies a year more than likely because of a mistoke which made the day of his birth February 26, 1844. The ground has been thoroughly canvassed, and the fact ontablished that he was born January 29, 1843, and that next fronth will occur the 68th anniversary of his birth. Writing to the Boston Transcript, ex-Gov. John D. Long relates that on January 23, 1960, he, with others, congrat. plated the president upon its being his 57th birthday, Secretary Long, as he was at that time, wrote a verse in which the word "fifty-seven" appears. and the president did not correct the ngure. James Boyle, who in collabora-tion with Robert P. Porter, wrote a campaign life of McKinley, writes to the New York Tribune to say that he maked McKinley's mother for the correct date. She brought out the family limbs and pointed to the date opposite the name of her distinguished son. It was January 29, 1843. That settled it, and the date so appeared in the campaign biography. The congressional directory had given the date as Febru-The congressional ary 26, 1844, but it was subsequently changed to the correct one.

The fact that this error is constantly confronting the truth and is likely to continue to do so, illustrates how serious a thing a little inaccuracy may get to be.

### ADULTERATION.

To the adulteration of food products there seems to be no end, and it is the trick of trade everywhere. An Engexchange calls the attention of its readers to the fact that "among the papers read at the conference of the Sanitary Inspectors' association was one by a Mr. West. In the course of it he said the 'sale of food and drugs had suppressed most of the gross er forms of adulteration, but still 'the heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked," proof of which he said flour of poor quality was bleached with nitrous oxide or calcium phosphate, and sultana raisins were touched up with sulphur to prevent their age being detected. This might be detected by the blue fleme when thrown on the fire to amuse at Christmas! Again, rice was polished with tale, and a thick mineral weight."

We have lots of pure-food laws, but what trade needs is a multiplication of pure-food consciences and when it gets them the people may rest assured that pure-food laws will be of less consequence than they are today.

## THE COASTING SCHOONER.

The Toledo Blade thinks that the revived for cheap freighting on the Lakes. It calls attention to the fact that the greater part of the tonnage turned out by the shippards upon the Atlantic coast consists now of schooners fishing boats and small cargo cargo carriers. Though the schooner is disappearing from the Lakes, its economic power lost, the vessel survive and prospers upon the seaboard. Work is found for it where steamships are too costly. Cargoes are supplied which are not considered worth the while of are not considered worth the while of steam vessels to put into harbor for. Americans of the old strain, who love sail and the true bite of the sea, man these schooners, accepting the dansomething inferior? What does it gers and uncertainties as preferable to mean Does the mayor think if he can the coal-shoveling and brass-cleaning the steamers.

Although barges have taken the place of schooners in lake service. The about it? You own the best water

hold the house membership to its present size, is meeting with considerable opposition. Dividing the total population of the United States 21 272 205 by tien of the United States, 91,972,266, by the present number of representatives, 291, would give 235,221 as the basis of population required for each representative. Such basis would cause the loss of members to too many states to make it less than highly improbable that their delegations in the house that their delegations in the house the common people that Lincoln loved to well, that his honor in his public writings was so solicitous for. You have got the most of it to pay any while thinking it over listen to what Charles A. Allen, an eminent civil engineer, has to say: that their delegations in the house would vote for it. Representative committee having the problem to solve has been entirely reticent on the subject. Representative Hay of Virginia, the senior democrat of the committee, whose state would be one of the local state of the source already recommended, both by Mr. Chandler and Mr. Richards and known as the Stony brook source "I made an examination of the waterwhose state would be one of the losers shed of Stony brook, as before stated on the proposition not to increase the and was very favorably impressed with size of the house, is more outspoken than the chairman. His guess is that the apportionment figure will be about 211,500. The Hay figure, dividing the total population, would give a house of 433 members-an increase of 42. On that basis of apportionment New York would gain 6, California and Oklahoma each: Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Texas and Washington, 2 each. and I each would be gained by Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, veloped to almost any extent without Louisiana. Michigan, Mississippi, great cost.

diovernor-elect Wilson of New Jersay favors the revival of the inauguraion ball, and the first big dance since the civil war era is to mark his inauguration.

The last one on Ballinger: He likes snowstorms because a whitewashed man in them cannot be told from any

### WE NEED IT.

Greenwhich is to have a tuberculosis parision provided for by a gift of \$25,600 made by Mrs. Nathaniel Witherest and accepted by the town. fore the next legislature in a body, and not that a toperculosis institute for the treatment of patients be located somewhere within its limits. The death rate in that county has averaged 140 persons a year from tuberculosis in the has ten years and the people think that there is a call for state aid. Bridgeport Bundard.

If New London county petitions the togislature with a will, and then pre-sents its case in good form, there ap-pears to be no reason why it should not succeed in getling this needed institution. So far as the white plague is concerned, there is no doubt most of the countles in the state need a campaign of education as well as an out-of-door camp for the cure of patients suffering from this prevalent

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: It is the good talker who is in danger of talking too much.

No long as the boy scouts are on the was, what is the one of some one's rising to warn us of peril.

The men who tell how easy it is for

a foe to whip the Americans are never likely to be in the front rank of the nation's defenders. The tex-drinkers of this old world

use about four million tons of ten a

day. It takes a big quantity to soothe the nerves of the people. The endurance borseback rides extablished by Roosevelt to test army

officers have been discontinued. officers could not endure them. The Chicago man who says it is easy enough to live 100 years has never lived anything like a century;

but he has seen a man who has scare into Uncle Sam's stocking as a in Christmas present never dreamed that

the attempt was destined to fail.

rind added to cheese to increase its Norwich has not one. It will not be

The artist who can take fifteen cents worth of peoples and paint them so well that the picture sells for \$1,060, as Wilton Lockwood can, coins

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What We Now Own.

Mr. Editor: Don't it seem ques

Although barges have taken the place of schooners in lake service. The Blade concludes that "it may some day be found that the slower freight of interlake ports can be carried much cheaper by schooner than by steamer or by rail. Business that cannot make steam traffic pay may be performed as profitably by the schooners as it is upon the seaboard."

THE QUESTION OF APPORTION-MENT.

The announcement that some of the house leaders favored in the coming apportionment of representatives among the states in such a way as to hold the house membership to its pressible of the place of the board of the house membership to its pressible of the place of the p

Taxpayers, think this over. You are

its physical characteristics. Its slopes are well wooded, almost entirely free from dwellings, and it is in every way

desirable as a location from which to collect water for water works purposes. "Above the point at which it is pro-posed to locate the dam it has an area. of, 2.3 square miles, substantially the same area as is tributary to the presen-

The formation of the ground is such that at the point where it is proposed to locate the dam storage can be de-

Louislana. Michigan, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Utah. One each would be lost by Iowa, Maine, Missouri and Nebraska.

The new governor of New York has demonstrated his ability to take part in twenty-one banquets a week; but this is not likely to be maintained as collected of his popularity.

Governor-elect Wilson of New Jersey favors the range of New Jersey favors the range of the collected of the results of the resu

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

# A CHRISTMAS PARTY

"And you think it will be an easy you to get him?"

"Aye, easy enough, the kid seems to he taken a laney to me"—here the man gove a ten cloockle—"and he's invited me to his party on Christman Kre, an then when they're playly "do and seek, or enounced like that, Fil do the lob right enough; trust me, sis,"

"Int perhaps lany fraitery will do bet to a—well you know, you aren't a perfect gentleman, and your evening clothes."

"Are being altered," interrupted the other characting again, "but the kid, fittle foundating again, "but the kid, fittle foundating again, "but the kid, fittle ford Gerald, as asked to keep all 'is friends from the village, the poor folk-ar well-acely for been in this 'ers village for about two months, I shall be a respectable villager, and got invited. He there y and villager, and got invited, the there y and continue over own price for the return, and when wave got land Gerald we can thomse over own price for the return, and when we've got land Gerald we can thomse over own price for the return, and why lady will pay by. We get our thomsend or so and she gots the poster, the character. Fair exchange is no respect, old character. Fair exchange is no respect, old character, and the fair was left the but and went out into the night.

"Come in, Mr. Bill, we thought you weren't coming."
The little storay boy, otherwise

The revolution in Mexico must be a frightful thing for the mountain goats as well as for the regular forces.

Mt. Louis has decided to spend a hundred thousand dollars advertising itself. This of itself is quite an advertising itself. This of itself is quite an advertisement.

The Indiana man who is the father of twenty-eight children must regard the coming of Christmas with more of less anxiety.

The Christmas shopper is never called down for heing late, but he is much abbreviated when it comes to a choice of presents.

The agraceful worker was to a choice of presents.

and it was Bill who, almost trensiting the boy." He with apprehension, picked him up. (First) Fost. Gerald protesting that he was not (First) Fost.

heart, they played "musical chairs," and it was tell who pushed Jerry into a vacant chair, which he himself nagnit enaily have sait in; and it was kell whom lady bullety called to attance some of the fallen bolly and misting

Then came supper, and Lord Gerald, sitting next to bill, his little hand on his friends big pen, laughed at bills joxes and takes mult Lady Dallory smiled in my and gratitude at the big

"Now, it everyone is ready, we will not the Christman tree." A curtain was drawn from a recess and the glittering tree revenies. Jerry gave out the gills, and when he found he could not reach the top parcels it was Bill he chiled to reach them. Bill had a warm woolen muffer and pipe and tokenso, which he tenelved with a grateful

Then hide-and-seek was suggested. The gainst-the game in which he was to carry off Gerald, to be builted and hulf-starved by Fill's master, the man waiting outside in the hig monor. It ill was left to find the hiding villoyers, which he soon did; but little Jerry was not to be found. For three hours they searched, Lady Dallory's face growing pale and anxious as they searched.

Searched.

Huddenly, "The panels," she shouled "the sliding panels," and as she spoke she trucked a spring in the walls, and Bill jumped into the black hole revealed, to return a few seconds, a tear-stained, white-faced little boy in his common.

for the sale of fifthy have to stead the lady's small hand. That—but," said Bill; "It is hadn't heem for the games I used to play gerly, as he heard her say:

"My son's friends are my friends, and I am pleased to meet you."

"Come along, Mr. Bill, we're going to play 'Bind Dhan's Buff and we want you to be 'bind man,' interpreted Lord Jerry. Bull was amprised how he enjoyed raving after flying figures, humping against chairs ledge-ing, almost shouting with excitament.

When at last he caught the little lord the sense of victory he felt was not in them are your result in the lady held out her hand.

"Dut—but," exid Bill; "bit is hadn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it hadn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it hadn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it hadn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it headn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it headn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it headn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it headn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it headn't heem for the games I used to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it head to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it head to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it head to play when I was a youngster, years ago, laughing bitterly—"If it head to play you trusted now he laught he will head to play you trusted now he laughing bitterly—"If it he hadn't heem for the games I used to play you trusted now he laught head to play you trusted now he head to play you trusted now he laught head to play you trusted now hea rupted Lord Jerry. But one emprised how he enjoyed runing after flying figures, burnping against chairs, laughting, almost shouting with exchanges. The never been to a party helore, and the sense of victory he felt was astonishing.

In his flight Jerry fell over a chair, and it was Bill who, almost trenshing with apprehension, paked him up.

Check for the base over his because the body. He turned and disappeared through the window. — Birmingham

republican members of the court of common council as the so-called executive committee? They were elected by the people and are composed of intelligent men

QUEER CHRISTMAS KEEPING. Down the Mine, Under Siege, a Sweep's Feast, Etc.

Massachusetts is in danger of having the state tax increased because the revenue of the state is not sufficient to meet the schemes in hand.

Cieveland has two \$190,000 statues of Lincoln preased upon her, white Norwich has not one. It will not be resented if one is fossed this way.

The interstate commerce commission announces its inability to increase the number of trains on any road. Its mission is to regulate, not control.

Down in Georgia a judge has declared that the regular pistol-toter is just fit to send to the chain gang, and that the regular pistol-toter is just fit to send to the chain gang, and that the next one rounded up goes there.

Sweep's Feast, Etc.

To have a Christians dinner delivered the middle of worshippers encioned the mouthing distinct and the middle of through a pipe 1,800 feet underground is an experience sufficient to make even a Mark Tapkey come out to make the multitude of t

Such a Caristmas celebration is probably unique in its may, and, in very different fashion, is the Christmas dinner given by the British ambussador in Berlin to the chimner, and the british in celebration of the british of the union-quered sun. sweeps of the German capital. How or why the practice began is uncertain but every Christmas for a number of years the ambassador has Treceived the sweeps in a hall hired for the purpose, and has fessivel them to their heart's content. The custom is not without its diplomatic.

what gravity is.
One of the strangest Christmas days
was that spent by the inhabitants of
Standerton on the 25th of December
1880 who were called together in the morning to receive the companies of the season from the officer command-ing. He wished them all a happy Christmas under martial law which he took the same opoportunity of pro-cialming, and suggested several novel-ties in Christmas games, such as the diaging of mines and the setting up of wire entanglements for the defence of the town against the Boers, who, ac-

cording to news just received had broken into open rebellion.

Nineteen years later there were some quer Christmas colebrations in besiered Ladysmith. Even the most Even the most fare fetched famine prices in view the festival. Thus, potates were to and eggs 14s, per dozen, without suar ante, from the Sellers that they were better inside than they appeared outward examination. Turkey was unknown, roust beef was prevented trek-ux joints, plum puddings were concocted of ingredients which similated the rest thing, but tasted by poultkes. On Christmas morning to Boers fired a course of sholls. Outside them was scratched, the compliments of the season, upon the less-suspicious-booking two being opened it was found to co tain a mixture which was evident intended to be an edible plum puddle. The other shell was left alone, as the

The other shell was left alone, as there were indications that it contained a "pudding" of a very different and more explosive character.

Christmas day of 1967 was distinguished in Central Perthebire by fayouter cutting and "loading in" their harvest. The season was exceptionally late, and there was nothing for it but to secure the grain whetever opportunity offered, but such a fashion at keeping the festival is not one that anylody desires to see repeated.

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ing could be made by a universal use of meters, I also believe that the result would be a disappointment, and that you would still, in the very near future, have to add to your supply.

'In my judgment the Stony brook source is the most available, as it can be obtained at a reasonable cost. I think it would be a mistake not to develop it at once."

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A. Surkien cry smote the chilly air the rea circle of the sun creeping being the country of the country because the chilly air the real circle of the sun creeping being the country of the country because the chilly air the real circle of the sun creeping being the country of the country beautiful to the country of th P. S .- " Mr. Editor, why is seythe which Googret held in his band.

not the same consideration due the reddened with the blood of the Ra nee's first born, which had been offer-ed as a propidiatory sacrifice to the Sun God. It was mid-winter—the wisfor solution and the sun rays were so feeble that the sun worshippers were some afraid that unless the blood of a roys; prince was shed for absorption by their weakening god the world ould pass into darkness and all won

As the sun rose higher in the heav-

the primitive Christiana, like semaints of whiskey—and got it. A phonograph was employed to obser them by playing over the phone, and they be "light of all Nations," borrowing by playing over the phone, and they brom the east, the birthday of the sun god, using to their rescuers.

heart's content. The custom is not sembled in the city to celebrate the without its diplomatic use, for the men birth of Jesus, ordered the church of chimneys go away with the noticed doors to be closed and the building to of chimneys go away with the notion that the Eritish cannot be such bad fellows after all and they may, as opportunity offers, impress this lifer are on the householders who employ them.

Another singular Christmas digner, also unique of its kind is that given in Japan on the 25th of December in honor of Sir Isaac Newton, who was born on that date in 1841. It is, of course, a modern innovation, due to a society which has sprung up in New Japan to do reverence to the memory of the great philosopher, whose portrait takes the place of a president of the occasion of the social gathering referred to. The social gathering of the members of Tokio university, who thus moet in a social way to do meat shall not be included in, and as who thus meet in a social way to do ment shell not be included in, and as henor to the man who first defined what gravity is.

One of the strangest Christmas days discusson. Christmas must, indeed. tification, Christmas must indeed, have been somewhat cheeriess when the feast was in reality more than a fast by reason of its occurrence on Friday. That, however, is quite forgotten by present-day observers, and for close on TO) years Christmas day has been ob-served by even the most propaly-inclin-ed as the occasion for industing in

good cheer. "Stille Nacht, heilige nacht," has "Stille Nacht, heilige nacht," has been sung in Germany for untill Christmases beneath the illuminated pine tree, and its population of sixty-five millions will enjoy their ginger-

bread and honey cakes. In Denmark Christmas is a most h spite all other changes, it preserves its old character, and is universally cele-

In Russia the spirit of St. Niche

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Hencos-I but my wife that I could thread a medie before she could sharpen a lend percil. Hencon-Which won? Hencon-I won it exactly 13 minutes, but I believe I'd have lost if "Norty, my boy, oh, how you frighterest met" sorked Ludy Dallory; then,
turning to fill, she said.
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must not me. I will give you a situation here. Stay,"

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